

# UP TO DATE SPORTS Old Fox Declines To Be Bothered About Ehmke's Jumping

## GRIFF WON'T WORRY OVER YOUNGSTER IF HE HOPS

"If Ehmke Wants to Go to Feds," Says Old Fox, "I'll Give Him Railroad Fare and Wish Him Well."

Eddie Ainsmith Longing for Word to Hike to Charlottesville and Begin His Training For Coming Season.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"I have wired Howard Ehmke that if he is coming East, I shall enjoy having a talk with him about a contract. But if he wants to hop to the Feds without ever getting a real trial in a real league, I shall offer him a railroad ticket and wish him well."

In these few words Manager Clark Griffith disposed of his anxieties concerning the Los Angeles youngster reported to be about to cast in his lot with the Federal League, rather than take a trial with the Griffins. In other words, the Old Fox isn't growing any more gray hairs, worrying about this kid twirler, who never did anything until last spring or after it.

Ehmke, on being ordered to report to the Washington club, asked to be allowed to remain with Los Angeles for another season, pleading that he required the climate of California to assist him in regaining his health. Overwork in the spring had undermined his strength, he explained, and he feared certain failure if he came to Washington.

Manager Griffith was undecided what to do. He had been told that the youngster was very considering and so he was at a loss what to do. Meanwhile, a brother in Buffalo "horned in" as a "brother" and guardian, insisting on protecting the player's interests. He named \$25,000 as a salary being Howard's abilities. Griffith felt his chair laughing.

Now comes the threat that Ehmke will "jump to the Feds." He can save transportation money by writing Clark Griffith for a ticket, accompanied by a heavy wish for future welfare.

"Derf" Ainsmith, the latest proud father among the Griffins, is waiting anxiously for the season to get under way. Begins to look as if spring was on its way," mused Eddie today. "I'm excited to death, too, at the idea. This loading ground today, all it's said to be. I'll be among the first squad to hike to Charlottesville and, believe me, I'll not do any sitting around on the bench there, either. It'll be catching and throwing and hitting for me from start to last."

Billy Lee, the young outfielder tried out by the Griffins last spring, has been sold outright by Connie Mack to the Browns. Lee made good with Trenton in the Tri-State League last summer and was drafted by Philadelphia. Connie's determination to keep Rube Oldring gave Lee small chance of staying with the Athletics and so he will now go South with Branch Rickey's Browns.

Ray Caldwell, the flip-flopping flinger, is coaxing good things from New York fans by announcing that he "always wanted to pitch for the New York club. He insists that Frank Chance treated him like a schoolboy last summer. The best way for Ray to get the praises of the footers is to cut out his wild ways, pitch ball and keep quiet. Washington has a flip-flopping flinger of its own who will probably pitch better than Caldwell, y' see, because that's his way. Caldwell will do well to follow Johnson's example.

Another attack on the fort of Armando Marsans is under way. Cap Huston, the new York manager, is on his way to Havana to endeavor to sign the Cuban outfielder for the Donkeys. What luck he will have cannot be foretold.

Ban Johnson, before leaving New York for Cincinnati, hinted that the draft would not be lifted this season from the American Association. The wild clamor from the Pacific Coast League stifled all such agitation.

"The time has gone by for the international league to benefit by such a move," says President Barrow. "Last season it might have helped Baltimore and Buffalo in our league, but that time has now gone. Jack Dunn is the only man in the league now in favor of it."

Hugh A. McKinnon, who dwelt in a telephone booth while trying to be a magnate in this city, announces that he has lined up business men of Portland, Me., to buy a Federal League club. Now that you've done that, Hugh, what are you going to do with them?

The Feds are now said to be contemplating transference of the Kansas City club to New York. How those Gotham fans will enthuse over George Stovall, J. J. Moravia, Perring, Goodwin, Rawlings, Dorringer, Gilmore, Kruger, Potts, Chaubourne, Cole, Harris, Jennings, Adams, Stone, Easterly, and Enzenroth!

Bill Carrigan says he will start Hal Javin at second base for his Fed Sox. Javin suffered last season from his being a Boston boy born and bred, playing Carrigan. "On the road he played great ball. At home nervousness constantly bothered him. Nevertheless, I think him one of the best infielders in the country."

George Stallings, who has been ill with an attack of grip for several days, has suffered relapse, and is now in a critical condition.

## GRIFF MIGHT TEACH HIS YOUNG TWIRLERS A FEW OF THE WAR DELIVERIES



## TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

So Howard Ehmke may hop to the Feds. Pretty tough! We'll have to shut up our ball park after hearing that bit of news—yes, we will.

Ehmke's case is peculiar. He is a mere boy, seventeen or eighteen years old. But he stands six feet three inches in his socks, and should develop into a giant in three or four years. Last spring he blossomed out as a marvelous pitcher for the Los Angeles club. Frank Willon, the Angeles' manager, overworked the boy, probably because he was winning so regularly, and just when the eyes of the country were directed his way, Ehmke cracked under the strain. He went all to pieces and did not recover his form until toward the close of the season. At that, he is credited with allowing but 2.80 runs to a game, which is pretty good for a kid.

Owing to the working agreement between the Los Angeles and Washington clubs, Clark Griffith had his pick of the Angels in exchange for sending them Love, Calvo and one or two others. So he picked Ehmke. When it came to signing up the youth for a trial at Charlottesville, the Old Fox suddenly discovered that Ehmke's brother, a lawyer in Buffalo, had an exaggerated idea of the value of a rookie pitcher. This brother, in capacity of a guardian, has insisted all along that Griffith pay an untried pitcher fresh from the bush \$5,000 a year, win, lose or draw. It wouldn't be so bad were it not that Howard Ehmke takes this brother's advice. This is an indication of the brain capacity of the young heaver. It goes without saying that he won't draw down any such sum, unless he makes good. It also goes without saying that the Feds won't pay him any such sum, either, not in these late days. But let him try to hop. Let him hop. We'll still have a few fellows out at the old ball yard next summer, doing something for our entertainment. And Howard will have killed his chances for the future.

Now the Feds plan to invade New York. If reports in the big town are to be believed, Switching the Kansas City club to Gotham, though, will hardly make for success against the Yankees and the Giants. The Feds have about decided that their present circuit is a most pronounced failure and needs instant change. Of course, if they put a club in New York, they are floundering in a financial marsh. Let them put a real ball club there, if they can get one together, and the battle will be on in earnest. But I hardly expect them to succeed in getting together one real ball club from all the players they now have under contract.

Though Virginia athletes will not be seen in the closed events at the Hill-top indoor meet, they will be found in about everything at the coming George Washington gathering at Convention Hall. Hooking up Cornell and Virginia in a relay contest is a master stroke, and the race should be worth the price of admission.

Apathy on the ball field did much to kill the fans' interest in the American League campaign last year, but the tip is out that all players will have to hustle every minute in 1915 or lose their money in the shape of suspensions and fines. Looking is never satisfactory, even on a hot day, and American League managers are going to drive their men throughout the season. If some one will only guarantee that the Mackmen will not hop into the lead before September 15, perhaps some fans who played golf and stroked canoes last summer may be found at the ball yard in 1915. But if any club makes a runaway race of it, well, it's going to be difficult to keep the crowds on hand, even if the players are driven with whip and spur.

### Carlisle Indians Will Play One Contest Less

CARLISLE, Pa., Feb. 5.—The athletic officials of the Carlisle Indian School announced the 1915 football schedule, which contains one game less than last season, here today.

Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, Notre Dame, and Syracuse have been dropped, and Harvard, Bucknell, and Fordham take their places.

It has not yet been decided as to whether Carlisle will play on the gridiron during the coming season, although there are a number of applicants, among whom are former Indian football stars, as well as graduates of leading universities.

The schedule follows: September 18, Albright College at Carlisle; September 25, Lebanon Valley at Carlisle; October 2, Lehigh University at Carlisle; October 9, Harvard University at Cambridge, Mass.; October 16, University of Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh; October 23, Bucknell at Carlisle; October 30, West Virginia Wesleyan at Wheeling, W. Va.; November 6, Holy Cross College at Worcester, Mass.; November 13, Dickinson College at Carlisle; November 20, Fordham University at New York City; November 27, Brown University at Providence.

### Hebner Lowers Mark For Half-Mile Swim

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Harry J. Hebner, a fifteen-year-old swimmer from the American record for a half mile in the Central A. A. U. tank championship tournament last night at the Illinois Athletic Club, his record was 11:14.4.

### Eugene Corri Is too Expensive for Curley

EL PASO, Feb. 5.—Eugene Corri, referee of the National Sporting Club of London, will not referee the Johnson-Willard fight in Juarez. This was the declaration of Jack Curley today when he reached here on the return from a business trip East and was shown a dispatch from Kansas City which stated that Corri had been selected.

Curley declared that Corri wanted too much money. He said the referee possibly would be the end of the boxing writer of San Antonio, Tex. Curley had nothing to say relative to the whereabouts or the possible time of arrival in Juarez of Jack Johnson.

### Gallaudet to Play.

If there is anything left of the Fordham basketball team when Catholic University plays tonight, Gallaudet will take that portion on in a game at Ken-dall Green tomorrow night. The Buff and Blue players are next in line and will engage the Fordham five when G. W. U. and Catholic University have finished.

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## CONNIE WON'T SHIFT M'INNIS TO SECOND

Says He Has No Intention of Playing Larry Lajoie at First Base This Season.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 5.—Since Connie Mack purchased the release of "Napoleon" Lajoie from the Naps, several baseball critics have figured it out that the coming of Larry to the Mackmen meant that Stuffy McInnis, the peer of the American League first basemen, would be moved over to second base and Lajoie played on first.

A citizen's league calculated would enable the Athletics' infield to maintain its speed, while last year outclassed all other American teams.

C. Mack, however, has other thoughts upon this subject and today stated most emphatically that there was nothing doing in regards to such a change.

"You can rest assured that Stuffy McInnis will be on first base next summer and that Lajoie will cover second. I never treasured a thought of shifting the position of the two men, for McInnis is a first baseman pure and simple and that position he will play for me. Larry will cover the bag left vacant by Collins and I feel confident that the fans will look upon just as nifty an Athletic infield this summer as they have in the past."

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## C. U. TEAM TACKLES FORDHAM SHOOTERS

Plays New Yorkers After George Washington Wins 34-to-24 Contest Last Night.

Catholic University is taking on the Fordham University team, or rather Jimmy Walsh, who is the whole works for Fordham, at Carroll Institute to-night in what is expected to be a C. U. win. George Washington showed a vast improvement over its game of the night before and defeated Fordham by 34 to 24.

George Washington won handily against Fordham last night, jumping away from the start and taking the game out of the fire from the jump. Had it not been for Walsh the New Yorkers would have cut a sorry figure. The right forward led the individuals in goal shooting with seven to his credit.

It is thought today that had the C. U. team displayed the same form against Georgetown the night before, that victory would have come its way. Alvin, Gordon, and Johnson played consistently for C. W. U.

## Horse Racing May Be Allowed in Arkansas

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Feb. 5.—With the State fair racing bill passing the house at Little Rock, 50 to 32, and with friends of the measure confident it will go through the senate within the next several days, it is common talk in Hot Springs that Oklahoma will be the scene of a thirty days' spring race meeting, commencing St. Patrick's Day. The bill allows for pari-mutuel betting and the appointment of a State racing commission of three members.

## Gibbons Meets McGooty.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—Mike Gibbons and Eddie McGooty will fight before the Hudson Athletic Club, Milwaukee, March 2. It was announced today.

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## INTERNATIONAL WILL CUT DOWN SALARIES

President Barrow Sends Circular Letter to Players Tipping Off New Scheme.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Every player in the International League has received a circular letter from President Edward G. Barrow, notifying him that the league will not be able to pay the high salaries which most of the players drew last season. The letter is a tip that the players may expect a cut in salary before the season opens.

The letter also notifies the players that the national committee has given permission to the league to extend the time for sending out contracts to March 1, this month of grace being granted on account of the unsettled condition of the league.

Several of the International League club owners are in this city, but President Barrow has not yet issued the call for the schedule meeting. Owners Chapman of Rochester, McAffery of Toronto, Eckert of Jersey City, Eckert of Newark, Jack Dunn of Richmond, and J. J. Lannin of Providence held an informal conference yesterday at which the affairs of the circuit were discussed.

## Fairmonts Are Winners.

The Fairmonts of the Preparatory Basketball League, defeated the Alexandria High School and Alexandria High School yesterday by a score of 17 to 8. The feature of the contest was the play of Jakey Roberts, the Fairmont player.

## Tommy O'Keefe May Be Barred From New York

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## MULLIGAN TO START AT JOHNS HOPKINS

Track Coach at Catholic University, Former Georgetown Star, Named as Official.

Jimmy Mulligan, track coach at Catholic University, and former star athlete at Georgetown, has been selected to act as starter at the annual indoor games of the Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, February 20. Mulligan is an experienced track official, and no better choice could have been made.

Despite reports to the contrary, it was stated officially today that Catholic University will have no entries for the George Washington indoor meet. The Brooklanders are not in condition to do themselves justice at this early date, and will, therefore, make no appearance in the Capital's first meet of the season.

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Young pitchers should be thankful that Larry's average of .548 for nineteen years ain't the best nineteen years.

Atrocities of Peace. Trading ballplayers for dogs. Trading dogs for ballplayers.

Soon as the ice breaks up in the Potomac river, Georgetown's Glee Club will devote its energies to perfecting its fake kick formation.

Unfortunately, Captain Van Horn blew up that international bridge too late to prevent Eddie Ainsmith from buying that horrible yellow raincoat in Montreal last summer.

RABID RUDOLPH SAYS—

"Can't see what difference it makes to Jack Egan whether he umpires in the Feds or the American League. War is war."

Investigators claim 200 people are crowded in each subway car, but you can't make a Fed League ticket seller believe there are that many people in the world.

New York boxing clubs will prohibit smoking during fights. Only thing left for the fans is to take along a pinocchio deck or a good book.

Famous Toreadors. Gulliver. Book agents. The ground hog.

## White Sox Will Leave For Coast February 18

The corrected program for the White Sox players' annual jaunt to California has been announced. They will leave Chicago on the night of February 18 over the Rock Island by special train. They will take the Deaver and Rio Grande line, then alight at Western Pacific, and complete the last stretch over the Southern Pacific. Washington's Birthday will be spent in San Francisco, and the next day the athletes will be in Paso Robles ready to get out on the diamond. Nine days will be spent in camp there, and then the Rowland team, split in two squads, will re-embark, one team heading for Los Angeles and the other going to San Francisco. The No. 1 team will be the one going South, and the No. 2 team North. It is expected that Ed Walsh will be in charge of the No. 2s.